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Asterisk indicates registered respondents only.*

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

	Ap- prove	Dis- approve	DK/NA		Ap- prove	Dis- approve	DK/NA
2/2-4/09 CBS	62	15	23	12/12-16/12 CBS	57	37	6
2/18-22/09	63	22	15	1/11-15/13	51	41	7
3/12-16/09 CBS	62	24	14	2/6-10/13 CBS	52	38	10
3/20-22/09 CBS	64	20	16	3/20-24/13 CBS	45	46	9
4/1-5/09	66	24	10	4/24-28/13	47	45	8
4/22-26/09	68	23	9	5/31-6/4/13	47	43	10
5/6-12/09 CBS	63	26	11	7/18-22/13 CBS	48	45	7
6/12-16/09	63	26	11	9/6-8/13	46	46	8
7/9-12/09 CBS	57	32	11	9/19-23/13	43	49	7
7/24-28/09	58	30	13	10/18-21/13 CBS	46	49	4
8/27-31/09 CBS	56	35	9	11/15-18/13 CBS	37	57	7
9/19-23/09	56	33	11	12/5-8/13	42	50	8
10/5-8/09 CBS	56	34	10	1/17-21/14 CBS	46	47	7
11/13-16/09 CBS	53	36	11	2/19-23/14	41	51	8
12/4-8/09	50	39	11	3/20-23/14 CBS	43	50	7
1/6-10/10 CBS	46	41	13	5/16-19/14 CBS	43	48	9
1/14-17/10 CBS	50	40	10	6/20-22/14	40	54	6
2/5-10/10	46	45	9	7/29-8/4/14 CBS	41	50	10
3/18-21/10 CBS	49	41	10	9/12-15/14	40	50	10
3/29-4/1/10 CBS	44	41	15	10/3-6/14 CBS	42	50	9
4/5-12/10	50	40	10	10/23-27/14 CBS	39	51	10
4/28-5/2/10	51	39	10	1/9-12/15 CBS	46	46	8
5/20-24/10 CBS	47	43	10	2/13-17/15 CBS	44	46	10
6/16-20/10	47	43	10	3/21-24/15 CBS	45	46	8
7/9-12/10 CBS	44	44	12	4/30-5/3/15	45	44	11
8/20-24/10 CBS	48	44	8	5/28-31/15	42	48	10
9/10-14/10	45	47	8				
10/1-5/10 CBS	44	45	11				
10/21-26/10	45	47	8				
11/7-10/10 CBS	45	45	10				
11/29-12/2/10 CBS	48	42	10				
1/15-19/11	49	39	12				
2/11-14/11 CBS	48	41	11				
3/18-21/11 CBS	49	41	10				
4/15-20/11	46	45	8				
5/2-3/11	57	37	6				
6/3-7/11 CBS	48	43	9				
6/24-28/11	47	44	9				
8/2-3/11	48	47	5				
9/10-15/11	43	50	7				
9/28-10/2/11 CBS	44	44	12				
10/19-24/11	46	46	8				
11/6-10/11 CBS	43	47	10				
12/5-7/11 CBS	44	46	10				
12/14-18/11 CBS	47	44	9				
1/4-8/12 CBS	45	47	8				
1/12-17/12	47	45	8				
2/8-13/12	50	43	7				
3/7-11/12	41	47	12				
4/13-17/12	48	42	10				
7/11-16/12	44	46	10				
8/22-26/12 CBS	48	43	8				
9/8-12/12	51	42	7				
10/17-20/12 CBS	49	42	9				
10/25-28/12	50	42	8				

2. Do you feel things in this country are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things have pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

	Right direction	Wrong track	DK/NA		Right direction	Wrong track	DK/NA
2/10-12/03	35	56	9	7/24-28/09	42	49	9
3/22/2003	50	40	10	9/19-23/09	41	53	6
4/11-13/03	56	36	9	12/4-8/09	37	56	7
9/28-10/1/03	37	56	7	1/14-17/10 CBS	36	55	9
7/13-27/03	46	49	5	2/5-10/10	33	62	5
11/10-12/03 CBS	39	53	8	4/5-12/10	34	59	7
12/10-13/03	39	56	5	5/4-5/10 CBS	33	58	9
12/14-15/03	49	43	8	5/20-24/10 CBS	32	61	7
1/12-15/04	42	53	5	6/16-20/10	32	60	8
2/12-15/04 CBS	41	51	8	9/10-14/10	33	60	6
3/10-14/04	38	54	8	10/1-5/10 CBS	32	63	5
3/30-4/1/04 CBS	36	57	7	10/21-26/10	34	61	5
4/23-27/04	36	55	9	11/7-10/10 CBS	29	62	9
5/20-23/04 CBS	30	65	5	1/15-19/11	32	64	4
6/23-27/04	36	57	6	2/11-14/11 CBS	36	58	6
7/11-15/04	36	56	8	3/18-21/11 CBS	30	64	6
8/15-18/04 CBS	39	55	6	4/15-20/11	26	70	5
9/12-16/04	41	51	7	6/3-7/11 CBS	31	60	9
9/20-22/04 CBS	41	54	5	6/24-28/11	28	63	9
10/1-3/04	40	51	9	7/22-24/11 CBS	22	70	8
10/14-17/04	37	59	4	9/10-15/11	23	72	5
10/28-30/04	43	55	2	9/28-10/2/11 CBS	19	73	8
11/18-21/04	40	54	6	10/19-24/11	21	74	5
1/14-18/05	39	56	5	12/5-7/11 CBS	21	75	4
2/24-28/05	42	52	6	12/14-18/11 CBS	25	69	6
3/9-14/05 NYT	37	56	7	1/4-8/12 CBS	29	65	6
4/13-16/05 CBS	32	62	6	1/12-17/12	29	66	4
5/20-24/05 CBS	34	60	6	2/8-13/12	35	59	6
6/10-15/05	33	61	6	2/24-27/12 CBS	24	67	8
7/29-8/2/05 CBS	37	57	6	3/7-11/12	29	63	7
9/9-13/05	31	63	6	4/13-17/12	31	61	7
10/3-5/05 CBS	37	58	5	5/31-6/3/12 CBS	31	62	7
10/30-11/1/05 CBS	27	68	5	7/11-16/12	30	64	6
12/2-6/05	31	60	9	8/22-26/12 CBS	31	62	7
1/5-8/06 CBS	31	62	7	9/8-12/12	40	54	6
1/20-25/06	32	61	7	10/17-20/12 CBS	40	53	7
3/9-12/06 CBS	28	66	9	10/25-28/12	39	54	7
4/28-30/06 CBS	24	71	5	12/12-16/12 CBS	37	57	6
5/4-8/06	23	70	7	1/11-15/13	38	57	5
6/10-11/06 CBS	27	69	4	2/23-27/13	29	63	8
7/21-25/06	28	66	6	3/20-24/13 CBS	32	61	7
8/17-21/06	29	67	4	4/24-28/13	34	59	7
10/27-31/06	29	64	7	5/31-6/4/13	35	59	6
12/8-10/06 CBS	24	70	6	7/18-22/13 CBS	35	60	4
1/1-3/07 CBS	27	68	5	9/19-23/13	29	66	5
1/18-21/07 CBS	26	69	5	10/18-21/13 CBS	23	72	4
2/8-11/07 CBS	26	68	6	11/15-18/13 CBS	27	68	5
2/23-27/07	23	68	9	12/5-8/13	30	63	7
5/18-23/07	24	72	4	1/17-21/14 CBS	33	61	6
6/26-28/07 CBS	19	75	6	2/19-23/14	32	63	6
7/9-17/07	22	72	6	3/20-23/14 CBS	32	61	8
9/4-8/07	24	71	4	5/16-19/14 CBS	30	62	7
12/5-9/07	21	71	8	7/29-8/4/14 CBS	25	67	9
1/9-12/08	19	75	6	9/12-15/14	27	66	7
3/28-4/2/08	14	81	5	10/3-6/14 CBS	29	65	6
5/30-6/3/08 CBS	14	83	3	10/15-16/14 CBS	26	65	9
7/7-14/08	14	81	5	10/23-27/14 CBS	27	66	8
9/12-16/08	14	81	5	1/9-12/15 CBS	38	56	7
10/10-13/08	7	89	4	2/13-17/15 CBS	37	56	7
10/19-22/08	11	85	4	3/21-24/15 CBS	30	62	8
10/25-29/08	11	85	4	4/30-5/3/15	31	63	6
12/4-8/08 CBS	12	83	5	5/28-31/15	33	63	5
1/11-15/09	15	79	6				
2/2-4/09 CBS	23	68	9				
3/12-16/09 CBS	35	57	8				
4/1-5/09	39	53	7				
4/22-26/09	41	50	9				
5/6-12/09 CBS	45	48	7				
6/12-16/09	44	50	6				
7/9-12/09 CBS	35	57	8				

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3. What do you think is the most important problem facing this country today?

	5/31- 6/4/13	9/19- 23/13	12/5- 8/13	9/10- 14/14	4/30- 5/3/15	5/28- 31/15
Health care	5	8	13	2	2	6
Budget deficit	6	6	6	4	1	4
Education	1	3	2	3	2	3
Medicare/Medicaid	-	-	-	-	-	
Taxes	1	-	-	1		
Economy	19	22	10	19	11	11
Immigration	3	1	3	3	3	5
Defense	1	-	-	1	1	2
Poverty	1	2	2	4	2	4
Crime	1	1	-	1	2	
Foreign Policy	1	2	-	3	1	2
Jobs	16	12	14	10	9	6
Abortion	-	-	-		-	
Moral Values	3	2	3	3	2	4
Welfare	1	-	-	-	1	2
President	2	2	4	5	3	2
War	1	2	1	3	1	2
Iraq	-	-	-	1		
Afghanistan	-	-	-			
Politicians/Gov't	5	4	3	11	12	10
Environment	1	-	-	1	1	1
Religious values	3	2	1	1	3	2
Terrorism general	1	1	-	3	2	2
Guns	1	2	1		-	
Other	24	21	3	17	32	28
DK/NA	3	4	2	4	4	5

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling foreign policy?

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
2/2-4/09 CBS	50	15	35
2/18-22/09	57	17	26
4/1-5/09	59	19	22
4/22-26/09	59	23	18
6/12-16/09	59	23	19
7/9-12/09 CBS	53	30	17
7/24-28/09	54	24	23
10/5-8/09 CBS	48	28	24
11/13-16/09 CBS	50	36	14
1/14-17/10 CBS	49	38	13
2/5-10/10	47	34	19
4/28-5/2/10	48	38	14
7/9-12/10 CBS	44	41	15
11/7-10/10 CBS	46	37	17
11/29-12/2/10 CBS	40	45	15
1/15-19/11	46	32	22
2/11-14/11 CBS	46	33	21
3/18-21/11 CBS	47	36	17
4/15-20/11	39	46	15
5/2-3/11	52	34	15
6/3-7/11 CBS	47	37	16
10/19-24/11	50	31	19
11/6-10/11 CBS	45	41	14
12/5-7/11 CBS	41	41	18
12/14-18/11 CBS	51	32	17
1/4-8/12 CBS	46	37	17
1/12-17/12	48	35	16
2/8-13/12	50	36	14
3/7-11/12	40	41	19
4/13-17/12	46	36	18
7/11-16/12	41	42	17
8/22-26/12 CBS	45	35	20
9/8-12/12	50	36	15
10/25-28/12	47	41	12
12/12-14/12	51	32	17
1/11-15/13	49	36	15
2/6-10/13 CBS	48	31	21
3/20-24/13 CBS	43	37	19
4/24-28/13	45	38	17
5/31-6/4/13	45	39	16
7/18-22/13	43	44	12
9/19-23/13	40	49	11
11/15-18/13 CBS	38	50	12
12/5-8/13	42	44	14
1/17-21/14 CBS	42	42	15
2/19-23/14	39	48	13
3/20-23/14 CBS	36	49	14
5/16-19/14 CBS	39	48	13
6/20-22/14	36	58	6
7/29-8/4/14 CBS	36	48	16
9/12-15/14	34	58	8
10/3-6/14 CBS	35	56	9
10/23-27/14 CBS	34	54	12
1/9-12/15 CBS	41	44	14
2/13-17/15 CBS	39	50	12
3/21-24/15 CBS	38	51	11
4/30-5/3/15	41	45	13
5/28-31/15	37	49	14

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the economy?

	Ap- prove	Dis- approve	DK/NA		Ap- prove	Dis- approve	DK/N A
2/2-4/09 CBS	55	24	21	10/18-21/13 CBS	42	52	7
2/18-22/09	57	32	11	11/15-18/13 CBS	37	60	3
3/12-16/09 CBS	56	33	11	12/5-8/13	37	58	6
3/20-22/09 CBS	61	29	10	1/17-21/14 CBS	41	53	6
4/1-5/09	56	34	10	2/19-23/14	38	57	5
4/22-26/09	61	29	10	3/20-23/14 CBS	39	56	5
5/6-12/09 CBS	56	33	11	5/16-19/14 CBS	42	52	6
6/12-16/09	57	35	7	6/20-22/14	41	54	5
7/9-12/09 CBS	48	44	8	7/29-8/4/14 CBS	40	54	6
7/24-28/09	51	41	9	9/12-15/14	40	53	7
8/27-31/09 CBS	53	41	6	10/3-6/14 CBS	43	52	4
9/19-23/09	50	40	10	10/23-27/14 CBS	41	52	7
10/5-8/09 CBS	54	38	8	2/13-17/15 CBS	48	47	5
11/13-16/09 CBS	49	43	8	3/21-24/15 CBS	47	46	7
12/4-8/09	47	43	10	4/30-5/3/15	46	47	7
1/6-10/10 CBS	41	47	12	5/28-31/15	45	49	7
1/14-17/10 CBS	46	48	6				
2/5-10/10	42	52	5				
3/18-21/10 CBS	45	45	10				
3/29-4/1/10 CBS	42	50	8				
4/5-12/10	43	46	11				
4/28-5/2/10	48	47	6				
5/20-24/10 CBS	43	48	9				
6/16-20/10	45	48	7				
7/9-12/10 CBS	40	54	6				
8/20-24/10 CBS	44	48	8				
9/10-14/10	41	51	8				
10/1-5/10 CBS	38	50	12				
10/21-26/10	42	50	8				
11/7-10/10 CBS	40	53	7				
11/29-12/2/10 CBS	43	50	7				
1/15-19/11	41	52	7				
2/11-14/11 CBS	42	50	8				
3/18-21/11 CBS	39	53	8				
4/15-20/11	38	57	5				
5/2-3/11	34	55	11				
6/3-7/11 CBS	37	56	7				
6/24-28/11	39	52	9				
9/10-15/11	34	57	9				
9/28-10/2/11 CBS	35	53	12				
10/19-24/11	38	56	5				
11/6-10/11 CBS	34	60	6				
12/5-7/11 CBS	33	60	7				
12/14-18/11 CBS	40	53	7				
1/4-8/12 CBS	38	55	7				
1/12-17/12	40	54	6				
2/8-13/12	44	50	6				
3/7-11/12	39	54	7				
4/13-17/12	44	48	7				
7/11-16/12	39	55	6				
8/22-26/12 CBS	39	54	7				
9/8-12/12	45	47	8				
10/25-28/12	46	47	7				
12/12-16/12 CBS	47	47	6				
1/11-15/13	46	49	5				
2/6-10/13 CBS	45	49	6				
3/20-24/13 CBS	39	54	7				
4/24-28/13	41	52	7				
5/31-6/4/13	44	50	6				
7/18-22/13 CBS	45	49	6				
9/6-8/13	46	48	6				
9/19-23/13	41	54	5				

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job?

	Approve	Dis- approve	DK/NA		Approve	Dis- approve	DK/NA
7/13-16/02	49	38	14	10/1-5/10 CBS	18	71	11
9/22-23/02 CBS	48	36	16	10/21-26/10	14	76	10
10/3-6/02	42	45	13	11/29-12/2/10 CBS	17	72	11
10/27-31/02	45	40	15	2/11-14/11 CBS	24	62	14
5/9-12/03	35	48	16	3/18-21/11 CBS	21	66	13
7/13-27/03	39	46	15	4/15-20/11	16	75	9
9/28-10/1/03	37	47	16	6/3-7/11 CBS	18	72	10
1/12-15/04	45	42	13	6/24-28/11	20	70	10
10/14-17/04	38	46	16	8/2-3/11	14	82	3
1/14-18/05	44	39	17	9/10-15/11	12	80	8
2/24-28/05	41	44	15	9/28-10/2/11 CBS	11	80	9
3/21-22/05 CBS	34	49	17	10/19-24/11	9	84	7
4/13-16/05 CBS	35	51	14	11/6-10/11 CBS	9	83	8
5/20-23/05 CBS	29	55	16	12/5-7/11 CBS	11	82	7
6/10-15/05	33	53	14	12/14-18/11 CBS	11	83	6
7/13-14/05 CBS	33	50	17	1/4-8/12 CBS	12	80	8
9/9-13/05	34	54	12	1/12-17/12	13	79	9
10/3-5/05 CBS	31	57	12	2/8-13/12	10	82	8
10/30-11/1/05 CBS	34	53	13	4/13-17/12	13	77	9
12/2-6/05	33	53	14	5/31-6/3/12	15	77	9
1/5-8/06 CBS	27	57	16	7/11-16/12	12	79	9
1/20-25/06	29	61	11	8/22-26/12 CBS	14	74	12
2/22-26/06 CBS	28	61	11	9/8-12/12	16	74	10
3/9-12/06 CBS	32	54	14	10/25-28/12	15	75	10
4/6-9/06 CBS	27	61	12	12/12-16/12 CBS	11	81	9
5/4-8/06	23	64	13	1/11-15/13 CBS	12	82	6
6/10-11/06 CBS	26	60	14	2/6-10/13 CBS	14	77	8
7/21-25/06	28	58	14	3/20-24/13 CBS	11	81	8
8/17-21/06	29	60	11	4/24-28/13	17	75	8
9/15-19/06	25	61	14	5/31-6/4/13	13	80	7
10/5-8/06	27	64	9	7/18-22/13 CBS	17	76	6
10/27-31/06	29	56	15	9/6-8/13	24	68	8
1/18-21/07 CBS	33	49	18	9/19-23/13	14	80	6
2/8-11/07 CBS	32	52	16	10/18-21/13 CBS	9	85	6
2/23-27/07	33	50	17	11/15-18/13 CBS	11	85	5
3/7-11/07	31	53	16	12/5-8/13	10	83	7
4/9-12/07 CBS	34	54	12	1/17-21/14 CBS	11	82	7
5/18-23/07	35	52	13	2/19-23/14	13	80	7
6/26-28/07 CBS	27	60	13	3/20-23/14 CBS	18	76	6
7/9-17/07	29	59	12	5/16-19/14 CBS	12	80	8
7/20-22/07	26	61	13	6/20-22/14	14	78	8
8/8-12/07 CBS	25	63	12	7/29-8/4/14 CBS	15	78	7
9/4-8/07	23	66	11	10/3-6/14 CBS	15	78	7
10/12-16/07 CBS	27	59	14	10/23-27/15 CBS	14	76	10
12/5-9/07	21	64	15	1/9-12/15 CBS	16	72	12
4/25-29/08	21	68	11	2/13-17/15 CBS	18	73	9
9/27-30/08 CBS	15	72	13	3/21-24/15 CBS	22	70	8
10/10-13/08	12	74	14	4/30-5/3/15	12	80	9
10/19-22/08	17	70	13	5/28-31/15	15	78	8
2/2-4/09 CBS	26	62	12				
2/18-22/09	26	63	12				
3/12-16/09 CBS	30	56	14				
3/20-22/09 CBS	30	56	14				
4/1-5/09	26	64	10				
4/22-26/09	28	55	16				
7/9-12/09 CBS	22	65	13				
8/27-31/09 CBS	26	58	16				
10/5-8/09 CBS	22	65	13				
10/29-11/1/09 CBS	18	70	12				
11/13-16/09 CBS	26	60	14				
1/14-17/10 CBS	23	63	14				
2/5-10/10	15	75	10				
3/18-21/10 CBS	14	76	10				
3/29-4/1/10 CBS	16	74	10				
4/5-12/10	17	73	10				
5/20-24/10 CBS	15	77	8				
6/16-20/10	19	70	11				
8/20-24/10 CBS	22	71	7				
9/10-14/10	21	70	9				

7. How would you rate the condition of the national economy these days? Is it very good, fairly good, fairly bad or very bad?

	Very good	Fairly good	Fairly bad	Very bad	DK/NA		Very good	Fairly good	Fairly bad	Very bad	DK/NA
1/4-6/03 CBS	1	40	43	14	2	5/6-12/09 CBS	1	17	45	36	1
1/19-22/03	1	42	43	12	1	6/12-16/09	1	14	48	36	1
5/9-12/03	2	42	41	14	1	7/9-12/09 CBS	1	13	42	44	
9/28-10/1/03	4	39	37	19	1	7/24-28/09	1	17	47	35	1
2/10-12/03	2	37	42	18	2	8/27-31/09 CBS	2	18	43	36	1
3/20-24/03	3	47	33	15	2	9/19-23/09	1	21	49	28	1
4/11-13/03	2	48	36	10	3	10/5-8/09 CBS	1	15	49	35	
10/20-21/03CBS	3	42	36	18	1	11/13-16/09 CBS	1	18	42	37	2
12/10-13/03	4	52	30	13	1	12/4-8/09	2	20	44	33	1
12/14-15/03	5	50	28	13	4	1/6-10/10 CBS	2	15	50	32	1
1/12-15/04	3	51	34	11	1	2/5-10/10	1	16	44	39	1
3/10-14/04	2	47	34	15	2	3/29/-4/1/10 CBS	1	15	42	42	
4/23-27/04	4	51	30	15	1	4/5-12/10	1	22	43	34	1
5/20-23/04 CBS	5	47	31	16	1	4/28-5/2/10	3	23	45	27	3
6/23-27/04	4	54	30	11	1	5/20-24/10	1	19	47	32	1
8/15-18/04 CBS	5	47	32	15	1	6/16-20/10	2	20	48	29	1
9/12-16/04	3	51	31	12	2	7/9-12/10 CBS	2	15	50	32	1
10/1-3/04	6	49	29	16	1	8/20-24/10 CBS	2	15	42	41	
10/14-17/04	3	49	32	13	2	9/10-14/10	-	17	47	34	2
11/18-21/04	4	50	30	14	1	10/1-5/10 CBS	1	18	43	37	1
2/24-28/05	4	53	29	13	1	10/21-26/10	-	21	45	33	1
6/10-15/05	4	50	32	13	1	11/7-10/10 CBS	2	18	44	35	1
7/29-8/2/05 CBS	7	50	31	11	1	11/29-12/2/10 CBS	1	17	46	36	
9/9-13/05	4	45	33	17	1	1/15-19/11	2	24	46	28	1
10/30-11/1/05 CBS	3	44	35	16	2	2/11-14/11 CBS	1	23	46	29	1
12/2-6/05	6	49	29	14	1	3/18-21/11 CBS	2	21	48	29	
1/5-8/06 CBS	6	48	32	13	1	4/15-20/11	2	17	44	36	1
1/20-25/06	6	51	29	13	1	6/3-7/11 CBS	2	18	43	36	1
2/22-26/06 CBS	5	45	33	15	2	6/24-28/11	1	17	43	38	1
3/9-12/06 CBS	4	51	29	14	2	8/2-3/11	-	12	46	40	1
4/6-9/06 CBS	7	45	30	17	1	9/10-15/11	1	13	39	47	1
4/28-30/06 CBS	8	49	27	14	2	9/28-10/2/11 CBS		10	47	41	2
5/4-8/06	6	47	31	15	1	10/19-24/11	1	13	50	36	1
7/21-25/06	5	46	34	13	1	11/6-10/11 CBS	1	12	41	45	1
8/17-21/06	5	47	32	15	1	12/5-7/11 CBS	1	12	44	42	1
9/15-19/06	5	51	30	13	1	1/4-8/12 CBS	1	18	46	34	2
10/5-8/06	7	53	28	11	1	1/12-17/12	1	20	47	32	-
10/27-31/06	9	50	26	13	3	2/8-13/12	1	22	46	29	1
12/8-10/06 CBS	8	50	26	13	3	3/7-11/12	1	21	45	30	2
1/1-3/07 CBS	8	50	26	14	2	4/13-17/12	1	26	41	29	2
1/18-21/07 CBS	7	51	31	10	1	7/11-16/12	1	26	39	32	1
2/8-11/07 CBS	8	52	27	12	1	8/22-26/12 CBS	2	25	39	32	1
2/23-27/07	7	55	25	10	3	9/8-12/12	2	29	38	30	1
3/7-11/07	8	47	33	11	1	10/17-20 CBS	2	30	39	27	1
4/9-12/07 CBS	8	51	28	11	2	10/25-28/12	2	30	36	31	1
5/18-23/07	7	48	29	14	1	12/12-16/12 CBS	1	28	46	23	1
7/9-17/07	9	46	30	13	2	2/6-10/13 CBS	1	31	38	29	1
8/8-12/07 CBS	7	45	32	14	2	3/20-24/13 CBS	1	29	42	26	2
9/4-8/07	4	51	30	15	1	4/24-28/13	2	29	42	26	2
10/12-16/07 CBS	5	45	33	16	1	5/31-6/4/13	3	36	37	23	1
12/5-9/07	3	39	39	18	1	7/18-22/13 CBS	3	34	36	25	2
1/9-12/08	3	35	42	19	2	9/19-23/13	1	34	39	24	1
1/30-2/2/08 CBS	2	26	27	44	1	10/18-21/13 CBS	2	30	37	29	1
2/20-24/08	2	27	45	25	1	11/15-18/13 CBS	2	31	37	28	2
3/15-18/08 CBS	1	24	42	34		12/5-8/13	3	34	36	25	2
3/28-4/2/08	1	20	48	30	1	1/17-21/14 CBS	2	35	38	23	2
4/25-29/08	-	22	41	36	1	2/19-23/14	2	35	38	24	1
5/1-3/08	1	15	40	43	1	3/20-23/14 CBS	3	34	34	27	1
5/30-6/3/08 CBS	1	19	45	33	2	5/16-19/14 CBS	4	39	36	19	2
7/7-14/08	1	18	45	35	1	7/29-8/4/14 CBS	3	37	34	24	2
7/31-8/5/08 CBS	1	16	40	43		9/12-15/14	4	40	35	20	1
8/15-19/08	1	17	41	41	-	10/3-6/14 CBS	3	40	35	20	2
9/12-16/08	2	20	39	39	-	10/23-27/14 CBS	4	36	35	23	3
9/21-24/08	-	17	34	46	2	1/9-12/15 CBS	5	48	28	18	1
9/27-30/08 CBS	-	10	37	52	1	2/13-17/15 CBS	5	49	31	14	2
10/3-5/08 CBS	1	10	34	55	-	3/21-24/15 CBS	5	46	26	22	2
10/10-13/08	-	11	38	50	-	4/30-5/3/15	4	41	33	20	1
10/25-29/08	1	10	41	48	1	5/28-31/15	5	40	36	18	1
12/4-8/08 CBS	1	8	37	54							
1/11-15/09	1	6	30	62	-						
2/2-4/09 CBS	-	5	31	63	1						
2/18-22/09	-	8	30	61	1						
3/12-16/09 CBS		12	36	52							
4/1-5/09	1	10	38	51	1						
4/22-26/09	1	15	40	44	1						

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8. Do you think the economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

	Better	Worse	Same	DK/NA		Better	Worse	Same	DK/NA
1/19-22/03	17	39	44	1	10/1-5/10 CBS	22	27	50	1
4/11-13/03	17	31	49	2	10/21-26/10	25	28	46	1
5/9-12/03	22	28	49	1	11/29-12/2/10 CBS	31	24	44	1
7/13-27/03	22	31	46	1	1/15-19/11	30	21	46	2
8/26-28/03 CBS	25	31	43	1	2/11-14/11 CBS	32	22	45	1
9/28-10/1/03	24	29	46	1	3/18-21/11 CBS	26	26	47	1
12/10-13/03	34	24	41	1	4/15-20/11	23	39	38	1
12/14-15/03	39	19	39	2	6/3-7/11 CBS	24	31	44	1
1/12-15/04	34	26	39	1	6/24-28/11	20	31	48	1
2/12-15/04 CBS	33	27	39	1	9/10-15/11	12	43	44	1
3/10-14/04	28	27	43	2	9/28-10/2/11 CBS	12	40	46	2
5/20-23/04 CBS	23	32	43	2	10/19-24/11	14	36	49	1
6/23-27/04	28	23	47	1	11/6-10/11 CBS	18	32	50	-
9/12-16/04	26	27	45	2	12/5-7/11 CBS	21	39	40	-
10/14-17/04	24	33	42	1	12/14-18/11 CBS	24	30	45	1
11/18-21/04	26	29	44	1	1/4-8/12 CBS	25	29	45	1
1/14-18/05	25	29	45	1	1/12-17/12	28	23	49	-
2/24-28/05	23	30	46	1	2/8-13/12	34	22	43	1
6/10-15/05	18	36	45	2	3/7-11/12	30	24	44	2
7/29-8/2/05 CBS	20	32	47	1	4/13-17/12	33	28	38	1
9/9-13/05	13	47	38	2	7/11-16/12	24	30	45	1
10/30-11/1/05 CBS	16	40	44		8/22-26/12 CBS	25	30	43	1
12/2-6/05	19	35	45	1	9/8-12/12	32	28	39	1
1/5-8/06 CBS	20	37	43		10/17-20/12 CBS	38	27	34	2
1/20-25/06	17	38	44	1	10/25-28/12	36	28	35	1
3/9-12/06	13	39	47	1	12/12-16/12 CBS	33	23	43	1
5/4-8/06	14	47	39	1	2/6-10/13 CBS	32	28	39	1
7/21-25/06	12	47	41	1	3/20-24/13 CBS	35	25	39	1
9/15-19/06	17	36	46	1	4/24-28/13	31	24	44	1
10/5-8/06	19	31	49	1	5/31-6/4/13	34	24	42	1
10/27-31/06	16	38	44		7/18-22/13 CBS	30	24	45	1
2/8-11/07 CBS	15	34	49	2	9/19-23/13	29	27	44	-
2/23-27/07	11	35	51	2	10/18-21/13 CBS	21	38	41	1
4/9-12/07 CBS	11	44	44	1	11/15-18/13 CBS	25	33	41	1
5/18-23/07	11	43	44	2	12/5-8/13	27	30	42	1
7/9-17/07	12	41	45	2	1/17-21/14 CBS	31	25	43	1
9/4-8/07	8	49	43	1	3/20-23/14 CBS	26	30	44	-
10/12-16/07 CBS	9	45	44	2	5/16-19/14 CBS	30	26	42	1
12/5-9/07	5	53	40	2	7/29-8/4/14 CBS	26	30	43	1
1/9-12/08	4	62	33	1	9/12-15/14	26	26	46	1
1/30-2/2/08 CBS	6	67	26	1	10/3-6/14 CBS	29	25	45	1
2/20-24/08	3	63	32	1	10/23-27/14 CBS	25	27	46	1
3/15-18/08 CBS	2	75	21	2	1/9-12/15 CBS	42	17	40	1
3/28-4/2/08	4	70	25	1	2/13-17/15 CBS	38	19	42	1
4/25-29/08	4	70	24	1	3/21-24/15 CBS	34	27	37	1
5/30-6/3/08 CBS	3	69	27	1	4/30-5/3/15	33	26	40	
7/7-14/08	3	67	29	1	5/28-31/15	27	27	46	-
9/12-16/08	6	61	32	1					
9/21-24/08	2	70	26	2					
9/27-30/08 CBS	2	76	20	2					
10/3-5/08 CBS	3	75	21	1					
10/10-13/08	5	67	26	2					
10/19-22/08	11	57	30	2					
10/25-29/08	8	57	32	3					
5/30-6/3/08 CBS	3	69	27	1					
12/4-8/08 CBS	8	60	29	3					
1/11-15/09	7	54	37	2					
2/2-4/09 CBS	5	51	42	2					
2/18-22/09	8	51	40	1					
3/12-16/09 CBS	19	41	37	3					
4/1-5/09	20	34	43	3					
4/22-26/09	26	25	48	2					
5/6-12/09 CBS	32	23	44	1					
6/12-16/09	27	25	46	2					
7/9-12/09 CBS	21	33	45	1					

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12. Thinking about U.S. elections, do you think all Americans have an equal chance to influence the elections process, or do you think wealthy Americans have more of a chance to influence the elections process than other Americans? **RESPONSE OPTIONS WERE ROTATED.**

	Equal influence	Wealthy have more influence	DK/NA
5/16-19/14 CBS	23	75	2
5/28-31/15	31	66	2

32. Thinking about the role of money in American political campaigns today, do you think money has too much influence, too little influence, or is it about right? **RESPONSE OPTIONS WERE ROTATED.**

	Too much	Too little	About right	DK/NA
5/28-31/15	84	5	10	1

34. Which of the following three statements comes closest to expressing your overall view of the way political campaigns are funded in the United States: 1) On the whole, the system for funding political campaigns works pretty well and only minor changes are necessary to make it work better, or 2) There are some good things in the system for funding political campaigns but fundamental changes are needed, or 3) The system for funding political campaigns has so much wrong with it that we need to completely rebuild it. **RESPONSE OPTIONS WERE ROTATED.**

	Minor changes	Fundamental changes	Completely rebuild	No changes needed (vol.)	DK/NA
5/28-31/15	13	39	46	-	2

Related trend: Did not include volunteered "no change needed" option:

	Minor changes	Fundamental changes	Completely rebuild	DK/NA
4/25/97	8	50	39	3
2/12-14/00	9	44	42	5
7/13-16/00	7	38	48	7

35. Looking ahead, are you optimistic or pessimistic that changes will be made to improve the way political campaigns are funded in the U.S.? **BASED ON RESPONDENTS WHO ANSWERED 1, 2 OR 3 IN Q34.**

	Optimistic	Pessimistic	DK/NA
5/28-31/15	39	58	3

36. Which one of the following two positions on campaign financing do you favor more: Limiting the amount of money individuals can contribute to political campaigns, or allowing individuals to contribute as much money to political campaigns as they'd like? **RESPONSE OPTIONS WERE ROTATED.**

	Limiting	Unlimited contributions	DK/NA
7/13-14/99	62	36	2
7/13-16/00*	70	26	4
1/12-17/12	64	31	5
5/16-19/14 CBS	71	25	3
10/23-27/14 CBS	76	20	5
5/28-31/15	77	21	2

38. Currently, groups not affiliated with a candidate are able to spend unlimited amounts of money on advertisements during a political campaign. Do you think this kind of spending should be limited by law, or should it remain unlimited? **RESPONSE OPTIONS WERE ROTATED.**

	Should be limited	Should remain unlimited	DK/NA
10/21-26/10	72	20	7
1/12-17/12	67	29	4
5/16-19/14 CBS	76	22	2
10/23-27/14 CBS	80	18	3
4/30-5/3/15	80	17	3
5/28-31/15	78	19	3

37. Do you think groups not affiliated with a candidate that spend money during political campaigns should be required to publicly disclose their contributors, or do you think it's okay for that information to remain private?

	Should publicly disclose	Remain private	DK/NA
5/28-31/15	75	22	2

39. Do you consider money given to political candidates to be a form of free speech protected by the First Amendment to the constitution, or not?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
5/28-31/15	41	54	5

40. In general, which political party do you think benefits the most from the amount of money in political campaigns today - the Republican Party, the Democratic Party, or do both parties benefit about equally? **PARTIES WERE ROTATED.**

	Republican Party	Democratic Party	Both equally	DK/NA
5/28-31/15	23	14	58	5

41. How often do you think candidates who win public office promote policies that directly help the people and groups who donated money to their campaigns - most of the time, sometimes, rarely or never?

	Most of the time	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Depends (vol.)	DK/NA
5/28-31/15	55	30	9	4	-	3

45. Are you currently employed either full-time or part-time or are you temporarily out of work, or are you not in the market for work at all? (IF NOT IN MARKET FOR WORK, ASK: Are you currently retired, or not?)

	Currently employed	Temporarily out of work	Not in the market for work	Retired	DK/NA
5/28-31/15	57	9	16	18	-

47. If you were asked to use one of these five names for your social class, which would you say you belong in -- upper class, upper-middle class, middle class, working class, or lower class?

	Upper	Upper-middle	Middle	Working	Lower	DK/NA
5/28-31/15	1	12	35	34	16	1

49. In the last four years, have you given money to a candidate, party or other organization that supported or opposed candidates during an election campaign, or not?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
9/14-18/99 CBS	22	77	1
5/28-31/15	16	84	-

Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party movement, or not?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
4/5-12/10	18	62	19
5/20-24/10 CBS	20	59	21
7/9-12/10 CBS	27	56	17
8/20-24/10 CBS	29	54	17
9/10-14/10	19	63	19
10/21-26/10	24	63	14
11/7-10/10 CBS	31	58	11
11/29-12/2/10 CBS	22	68	10
2/11-14/11 CBS	20	63	17
3/18-21/11 CBS	23	64	13
4/15-20/11	24	66	10
6/24-28/11	26	64	10
8/2-3/11	18	73	10
9/10-15/11	20	65	15
10/19-24/11	24	66	10
1/12-17/12*	23	70	7
2/8-13/12	20	68	11
3/7-11/12	22	66	12
4/13-17/12	26	65	10
7/11-16/12	26	65	10
9/8-12/12	22	68	9
10/25-28/12	23	68	9
11/16-19/12 CBS	20	68	13
12/12-16/12 CBS	21	69	10
3/20-24/13 CBS	22	65	13
5/31-6/4/13	24	63	13
9/6-8/13	21	67	12
9/19-23/13	25	66	9
10/1-2/13 CBS	21	67	12
12/5-8/13	23	63	15
2/19-23/14	24	64	12
5/16-19/14 CBS	15	75	10
6/20-22/14	21	65	14
9/12-15/14	18	69	14
1/7-22/15 NYT	18	72	9
4/30-5/3/15	18	70	11
5/28-31/15	20	71	9

Some people think of themselves as evangelical or born again Christians. Do you ever think of yourself in either of these ways?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
5/28-31/15	31	66	3

What is your religious preference today?

	Protestant	Catholic	Jewish	Muslim	Other	None	DK/NA
5/28-31/15	48	18	1	1	7	21	4

Some people are registered to vote and others are not. Are you registered to vote in the precinct or election district where you now live, or aren't you?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
5/28-31/15	79	20	-

Are you now married, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Separated	Never married	DK/NA
5/28-31/15	53	7	11	2	27	-

Generally speaking, do you usually consider yourself a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or what?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	DK/NA		Rep	Dem	Ind	DK/NA
7/13-16/02	28	34	33	5	12/4-8/09	27	36	29	8
9/2-5/02	29	35	26	10	2/5-10/10	28	30	37	5
10/3-5/02	27	38	28	7	4/5-12/10	28	31	33	7
10/27-31/02	31	34	28	7	4/28-5/2/10	25	34	31	10
11/20-24/02	29	32	31	8	6/16-20/10	24	34	33	9
1/19-22/03	29	32	33	6	9/10-14/10	25	35	33	7
2/10-12/03	28	34	31	6	10/21-26/10	28	37	31	4
3/7-9/03	29	32	30	9	1/15-19/11	27	34	32	6
4/11-13/03	31	30	32	6	4/15-20/11	25	33	34	7
7/13-27/03	27	32	34	7	6/24-28/11	26	33	34	6
9/28-10/1/03	31	35	30	4	8/2-3/11	24	32	39	4
12/10-13/03	27	33	35	6	9/10-15/11	26	33	32	8
12/14-15/03	28	31	35	6	10/19-24/11	25	35	34	5
1/12-15/04	28	32	33	8	1/12-17/12	25	35	36	4
3/10-14/04	31	30	32	7	2/8-14/12	27	34	32	7
4/23-27/04	29	35	29	7	3/7-11/12	26	30	35	9
6/23-27/04	29	35	29	7	4/13-17/12	26	34	33	6
7/11-15/04	29	37	30	4	7/11-16/12	25	32	37	6
9/12-16/04	33	31	29	7	9/8-12/12	22	35	36	7
10/1-3/04	29	34	28	10	10/25-28/12	27	36	30	7
10/14-17/04	30	34	29	7	1/11-15/13	26	34	34	6
10/28-30/04	30	35	30	6	4/24-28/13	25	31	36	8
11/18-21/04	29	36	30	5	5/31-6/4/13	26	31	35	8
1/14-18/05	31	34	28	8	9/6-8/13	26	34	31	9
2/24-28/05	29	36	29	6	9/19-23/13	25	32	37	7
6/10-15/05	28	34	31	6	12/5-8/13	25	32	34	9
9/9-13/05	26	36	28	9	2/19-23/14	24	31	38	6
12/2-6/05	28	32	33	7	6/20-22/14	24	33	35	8
1/20-25/06	29	34	33	4	9/12-15/14	23	30	42	5
5/4-8/06	25	37	34	4	12/4-7/14	23	32	35	10
7/21-25/06	31	33	30	5	4/30-5/3/15	23	33	39	6
8/17-21/06	30	35	27	8	5/28-31/15	25	30	36	10
9/15-19/06	30	32	32	5					
10/5-8/06	30	35	30	6					
10/27-31/06	28	35	31	7					
2/24-27/07	25	35	33	6					
3/7-11/07	27	35	33	6					
4/20-24/07	24	34	36	6					
5/18-23/07	29	37	32	3					
7/9-17/07	28	34	34	4					
7/20-22/07	24	32	36	9					
9/4-8/07	31	32	33	5					
12/5-9/07	26	35	31	8					
1/9-12/08	28	40	27	5					
2/20-24/08	27	38	29	6					
7/28-4/2/08	26	41	27	6					
4/25-29/08	27	37	31	5					
5/1-3/08	29	39	27	5					
7/7-14/08	26	37	31	6					
8/15-20/08	29	37	26	8					
9/12-16/08	28	39	26	7					
9/21-24/08	28	34	32	6					
10/10-13/08	28	36	29	7					
10/19-22/08	26	41	28	5					
10/25-29/08	30	37	27	5					
1/11-15/09	21	39	31	8					
2/18-22/09	26	36	32	5					
4/1-5/09	23	39	30	7					
4/22-26/09	20	38	36	6					
6/12-16/09	24	38	31	8					
7/24-28/09	20	34	39	7					
9/19-23/09	22	37	33	7					

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How would you describe your views on most political matters? Generally, do you think of yourself as liberal, moderate, or conservative?

	Lib	Mod	Con	DK/NA		Lib	Mod	Con	DK/NA
7/13-16/02	21	44	32	4	4/28-5/2/10	21	34	38	6
9/2-5/02	20	39	36		6/16-20/10	18	42	35	5
10/3-5/02	18	45	34	3	9/10-14/10	19	40	36	5
10/27-31/0	20	38	37	5	10/21-26/1	19	37	38	5
11/20-24/0	20	44	30	6	1/15-19/11	20	41	35	4
1/19-22/03	19	45	32	3	4/15-20/11	26	32	36	6
2/10-12/03	21	41	35	3	6/24-28/11	22	37	34	7
3/7-9/03	18	45	35	3	8/2-3/11	22	43	32	2
4/11-13/03	19	45	33	3	10/19-24/1	22	38	35	4
7/13-27/03	22	40	34	5	1/12-17/12	22	38	34	6
9/28-10/1/0	19	42	34	5	2/8-14/12	22	41	32	4
12/10-13/0	20	45	31	4	3/7-11/12	20	39	35	7
12/14-15/0	19	39	37	5	4/13-17/12	23	36	38	4
1/12-15/04	20	43	31	5	7/11-16/12	20	35	38	7
3/10-14/04	21	40	34	5	9/8-12/12	23	33	37	7
4/23-27/04	22	42	30	6	10/25-28/12	21	39	34	6
6/23-27/04	21	42	32	5	1/11-15/13	21	39	34	5
7/11-15/04	22	41	34	3	4/24-28/13	22	31	41	6
9/12-16/04	20	40	36	4	5/31-6/4/13	21	37	37	5
10/1-3/04	24	36	35	6	9/6-8/13	21	42	31	6
10/14-17/0	19	42	33	6	9/19-23/13	23	38	34	5
10/28-30/0	17	42	35	5	12/5-8/13	23	36	36	5
11/18-21/0	22	41	33	4	2/19-23/14	23	38	36	3
1/14-18/05	20	41	33	6	6/20-22/14	22	39	33	6
2/24-28/05	23	38	35	5	9/12-15/14	23	40	33	4
6/10-15/05	20	43	33	4	12/4-7/14	24	37	32	7
9/9-13/05	18	43	34	5	4/30-5/3/15	25	37	33	5
12/2-6/05	18	45	32	5	5/28-31/15	20	38	37	4
1/20-25/06	21	45	30	4					
5/4-8/06	25	37	34	4					
7/21-25/06	21	39	36	4					
8/17-21/06	24	38	33	5					
9/15-19/06	17	43	35	4					
10/5-8/06	23	39	34	3					
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3/7-11/07	20	40	36	4					
4/20-24/07	21	42	33	5					
5/18-23/07	20	43	32	5					
7/9-17/07	19	44	33	4					
7/20-22/07	15	48	31	5					
9/4-8/07	22	42	32	4					
12/5-9/07	22	43	31	4					
1/9-12/08	25	39	32	4					
2/20-24/08	23	41	29	6					
3/28-4/2/0	21	39	34	5					
4/25-29/08	22	41	33	4					
5/1-3/08	15	49	32	4					
7/7-14/08	22	41	32	5					
8/15-20/08	24	36	35	5					
9/12-16/08	24	39	33	4					
9/21-24/08	22	38	36	4					
10/10-13/0	18	49	29	4					
10/19-22/0	21	39	33	7					
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How old are you?

	18-29	30-44	45-64	Over 64	DK/NA
5/28-31/15	22	25	35	19	-

What was the last grade in school you completed?

	Not a H.S. grad	H.S grad	Some college	College grad	Post Grad	Refused
5/28-31/15	12	30	29	19	10	-

Are you of Hispanic origin or descent, or not?

	Hispanic	Not Hispanic	DK/NA
5/28-31/15	15	85	1

Are you white, black, Asian or some other race?

	White	Black	Asian	Other	Refused
5/28-31/15	74	12	3	9	2

Was your total family income in 2014 UNDER or OVER \$50,000? IF UNDER, ASK: Was it under \$15,000, between \$15,000 and \$30,000, or between \$30,000 and \$50,000? IF OVER, ASK: Was it between \$50,000 and \$75,000 or between \$75,000 and \$100,000 or was it over \$100,000?

	Under \$15,000	\$15,000- \$29,999	\$30,000- \$49,999	\$50,000- \$74,999	\$75,000- \$100,000	Over \$100,000	Refused
5/28-31/15	11	19	20	17	11	18	6

	Male	Female
5/28-31/15	49	51